

**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

PATENT APPLICATION

Applicant: **Cardoso**

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TITLE: LEAD ALIGNMENT ATTACHMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 3, 2006

In response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 3, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 for any fees, including extension of time fees and excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.